

**EPHRAIM CITY PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Birrell, Mayor
Garth Sorenson, Mayor Pro Tem
Jannette Anderson
Kim Cragun
Elaine Reid

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Anderson, City Mgr/Recorder
Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock

**PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 PM**

Councilmember Cragun called the Public Hearing to order 6:10 PM. Mayor Birrell was presiding. This Public Hearing is for the purpose of discussing modification of the 2006 Budget.

Richard Anderson reviewed a spreadsheet showing what is increasing and decreasing. Everything balances. The Council carefully reviewed and discussed the items listed.

Chad Parry discussed uses for the Kubota Tractor the Public Works Department would like to purchase at Hermansen's. The tractor that is now being used by the department is very outdated and worn out. The new tractor could be used for many things besides snow removal, including tilling, mowing, digging, etc. Attachments can be purchased for the tractor, many of which are already owned by the City. This tractor, which normally sells for \$39,000 will be sold to Ephraim City by Hermansen's for \$29,000. The Council approved the purchase.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 PM**

Councilmember Cragun called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Birrell was presiding. This Public Hearing is for the purpose of presenting the proposed 2007 Budget. Richard Anderson distributed a copy of the budget and reviewed it with the Council. There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 PM

Councilmember Kittelsrud arrived at 7:00PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Birrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Anderson offered an opening prayer and Bryan Kimball led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 7, 2006 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2006 City Council meeting with corrections. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of June 19, 2006.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the warrant register of June 19, 2006. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nadine Nibley was present to express concern regarding the proposed sale of June Crane's home to a business owner and the historic pattern of Main Street. She states that a nomination was made in 1978 for an historic district in Ephraim and a source at the Historical Society said he thinks it is still in place. Mrs. Nibley is concerned that a lot of historic buildings have been lost because of progress and there are not many left. She would not like to see a business in June Crane's home, and would like the Council to consider pictures of how it used to look, and maybe get another solution from the Historical Society. The setback issue is also a concern. It was suggested the City could possibly work out a plan with the buyer to add onto the back of the house without extending out the front.

REVIEW OF LIBRARY DRAWINGS

Kathryn Anderson of MJSA was present to review the drawings for the library renovation. Ms. Anderson pointed out demolitions, replacements, additions, etc. in the drawings. The plans will be 90% complete in about a month's time and will be presented to the Library Board who will approve them and select carpet colors and tile.

DURKE GORDON – LAND SWAP

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the land swap between Durke Gordon and Ephraim City. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. Councilmember Anderson voted nay. The motion passed four to one.

BEN GORDON – REQUEST TO REZONE SHINGLE MILL SUBDIVISION

Councilmember Sorenson moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the rezone of Shingle Mill Subdivision Phase 3 from RA to R1. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

GARY ANDERSON – REPORT ON SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

A BBQ/critique will be held for the Scandinavian Festival Committee on Wednesday night. Gary Anderson reviewed revenues and expenses to date from a spreadsheet which was distributed to the Council. Expenses seem to be somewhere around \$18,000 and it appears that there will be approximately \$15,000 in revenues. If sales tax revenues could be figured, that amount would likely be significantly higher. Mr. Anderson requested funds to send some members of the committee to other festivals in order to get new ideas. The committee has received many comments about the festival so far and will try to address those comments for future festivals to make it better and bigger. The Lion's Club reported their highest attended breakfast in memory. The Co-op also had a very big day. Jacque Sorenson will report on how the vendors felt about it, but people in general were quite happy. Future goals for the committee include improving the website and acquiring Scandinavian dance groups.

GARY ANDERSON – BIKE-A-THON FUNDING

The Chamber of Commerce and local biking groups would like to sponsor a biking event here in Ephraim and up the Canyon on the 11th and 12th of August. The Sanpete Travel Council has volunteered to donate up to \$2,000 for the event if Ephraim City will match it. They will also furnish liability insurance for those parts of the route that are outside City boundaries. Registration will be on August 11th and the ride will begin at 10:00 a.m. the next morning, ending at the park. Registration fees will be enough to cover meals, T-shirts, and advertising. It is hoped that there will be 100 participants for this first year. It is being called an event instead of a race to encourage families to come and ride. It is a mountain bike event, as the majority of the trails will be on unpaved roads and trails. The Chamber would also like to include an evening ride which would be in west hills. Approval from the Council is requested as quickly as possible in order to commit money for advertising, etc. As this amount has already been incorporated into the budget in anticipation of approval, it is approved with the budget approval.

ZONING APPLICATION RATE INCREASE

Tabled

PLANNING COMMISSION FEE STRUCTURE

Tabled

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Tabled

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO 2006 BUDGET

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the modifications to the 2006 fiscal year budget. Seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

ADOPTION OF 2007 TAX RATE

Councilmember Kittelsrud moved to adopt the 2007 Tax Rate. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

ADOPTION OF 2007 BUDGET

Councilmember Sorenson moved to adopt the proposed Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Reid – Concerned about the dryness of the grass at the Cemetery. Chad Parry has said that the sprinkler heads will be adjusted so that more of the water gets on the grass as opposed to the street, which should alleviate most of the dryness problem. The Cemetery Committee would like a gate at the Pioneer Cemetery that could be closed at night to help deter vandals. A new Cemetery Ordinance is in the works as is getting a directory in the gazebo.

Councilmember Cragun – Numbers were down a bit this year for the Sanpete County Shootout. Five games went long with two extra innings making for a very late night. It is felt that it was very successful; teams have been complimentary on the way it was run. An ad will be placed in the newspaper for a new Recreation Director.

Bryan Kimball – Changes are being incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance in order to comply with new legislation, as well as other changes that Mr. Kimball has been working on for some time. It is at least a month away from final approval, but definitely well under way. There are two subdivisions coming up on final approval, Butterfield and Stevens. Ben Gordon has opted to wait on his subdivision in order to get infrastructure in place to avoid such a large bond amount.

Councilmember Sorenson – There is nothing new to report on the park. Richard Anderson pointed out attendance records of the Park Committee have not been kept and submitted so that the City can bill for that time. This is something that needs to be done in order to fulfill the match obligation for the grant. Councilmember Sorenson agreed to make sure all information is submitted as required.

Councilmember Kittelsrud – The library yard sale will be held this Saturday in front of the library. The Library Board is very pleased with the renovation plans.

Mayor Birrell – Richard Anderson talked to Ron Rasmussen about whether to add a stop sign on 200 S and 100 E by the elementary school. Chief Rasmussen feels it is not necessary and works well the way it is. Mayor Birrell would like the Council to take a look at that corner and make a recommendation. Robo Cop was placed on 200 S and on Canyon Rd. Chief Rasmussen has been patrolling those areas and tickets have been given for violations rather than warnings. The Mayor requested a report on that at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Birrell requested discussion of a new procedure to reserve City parks be put on the next agenda.

Review of unresolved issues. The Mayor is waiting to hear from Bart Nelson regarding the Lion's Club sign. Gerald Cooper said he has a brick layer who would come add an extension on the sides of the sign and would be contacting Richard about the brick. Nothing has been heard since then.

There is a neighborhood meeting for residents on the west side of town scheduled for the second Wednesday in July at 6:00 p.m.

Richard Anderson – The City is continuing to work on drainage issues at Eastpointe Subdivision. The sumps have been cleaned and handle water much better than before. Catch grates have been installed on the north and the south with a different kind of grating unit. It is a great design and will catch everything coming down the curb and gutter. The area will be elevated so that water in the center of the road will hit it and be directed to the sump.

Councilmember Cragun moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Seconded by Councilmember Kittlesrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Kittelsrud moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date